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them a dangerous trend in U.S. policy. "Your threat," they told the President, "to impose our will on the Caribbean, whatever the wishes of the other American states, and in violation of inter-American agreements, has aroused widespread suspicion that the U.S. will reorient its foreign policy in the direction of Soviet-style power politics."

But since the President's advisory staff on the Cuban adventure fairly teemed with former Harvard (with a sprinkling of MIT) men—people like Arthur Schlesinger Jr., McGeorge Bundy, and Richard M. Bissell Jr.—what, in effect, Harvard vs. Harvard?

useful thing to say," Owen explained.

But author "David" ("The Lonely Crowd") Riesman, who is a professor of social science at Harvard, ventured an explanation of what went wrong with the thinkers in Washington:

"It's part of the national cult of will power—the feeling that we can undo all the bad in the world by being strong and decisive."

As for the ex-Harvard men in Washington, Riesman implied that they momentarily lost their intellectual bearings by coming too close to government.

"They were overawed," he said, "by inside information."

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## FOREIGN POLICY:

## Harvard vs. Harvard?

Taking out a five-column advertisement in The New York Times, no fewer than 41 Harvard educators—most of them eminent full professors—signed an "Open Letter" to President Kennedy last week, calling him to account for the ill-fated U.S. intervention in Cuba.

In temperate Cantabrigian prose, the Harvard men (there also were a sprinkling of signers from MIT, Boston University, and Brandeis) deplored not only the bungling in Cuba, but what seemed to

those who signed the open letter (and who dug down in their own pockets for the \$2,880 cost of the advertisement) said it certainly hadn't been decided that way.

David E. Owen, Harvard history professor of history and political science, who taught both Bundy and Bissell when they were undergraduates, commented that one of the main purposes of the letter was to arouse public discussion of the Cuban episode.

"I signed it because I thought it was a